Three Mile Island Annual Assessment Meeting

Reactor Oversight Program - CY 2003



Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region I King of Prussia, PA May 20, 2004

Agenda

- Introductions
- Review of Reactor Oversight Process
- National Summary of Plant Performance
- Discussion of Plant Performance Results
- AmerGen Response and Remarks
- NRC Closing Remarks
- Break
- NRC available to address public questions

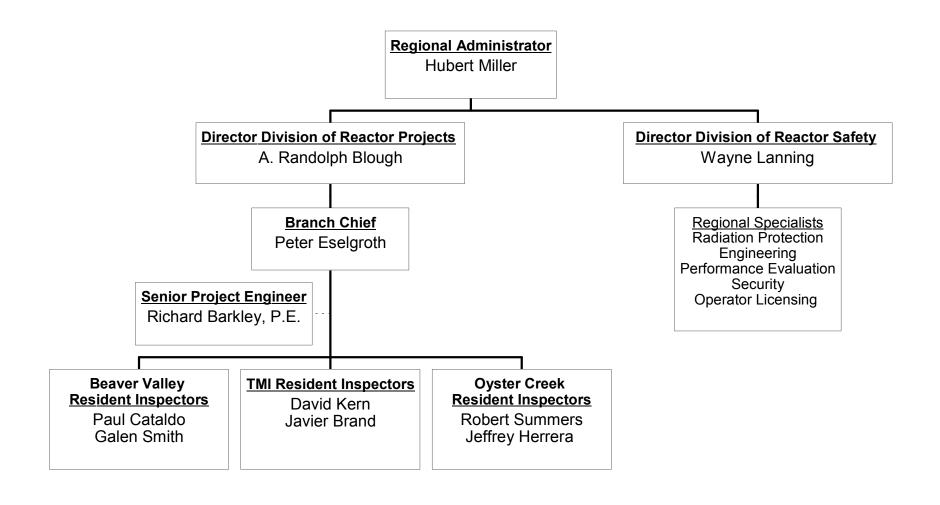
Purpose of Today's Meeting

- NRC will address licensee performance issues identified in our annual assessment
- AmerGen will respond to the information in our assessment and inform the NRC of new or existing programs to maintain or improve performance
- NRC comments on security updates and perspectives on nuclear industry deregulation
- NRC will respond to questions from the public after the discussion with AmerGen

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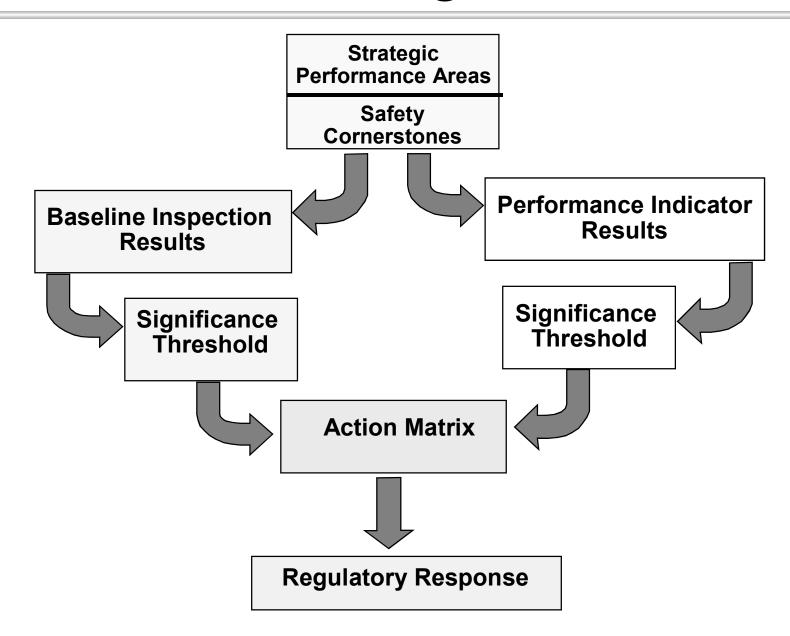
Region I Organization



NRC Performance Goals

- Maintain safety and protect the environment
- Enhance public confidence
- Improve effectiveness, efficiency, and realism of processes and decision making
- Reduce unnecessary regulatory burden

Reactor Oversight Process



Examples of Baseline Inspections

Equipment Alignment

• Triennial Fire Protection

Operator Response

Emergency Preparedness

Rad Release Controls

Worker Radiation Protection

• Corrective Action Program

Corrective Action Case Reviews

~92 hrs/yr

~200 hrs every 3 yrs

 \sim 125 hrs/yr

~80 hrs/yr

~100 hrs every 2 yrs

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~250 hrs every 2 yrs

~60 hrs/yr

Significance Threshold

Performance Indicators

Green: Only Baseline Inspection

White: May increase NRC oversight

Yellow: Requires more NRC oversight

Red: Requires more NRC oversight

Inspection Findings

Green: Very Low safety issue

White: Low to moderate safety issue

Yellow: Substantial safety issue

Red: High safety issue

Action Matrix Concept

Licensee Response Response Degraded Cornerstone Degraded Cornerstone Cornerstone Cornerstone Degraded Cornerstone Cornerstone

Increasing Safety Significance

Increasing NRC Inspection Efforts

Increasing NRC/Licensee Management Involvement

Increasing Regulatory Actions

National Summary of Plant Performance

Status at End of CY 2003

Licensee Response	75	
Regulatory Response	22	
Degraded Cornerstone	2	
Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone	3	
Unacceptable	0	
Total Units 10	02*	

^{*}Davis-Besse is in IMC 0350 process

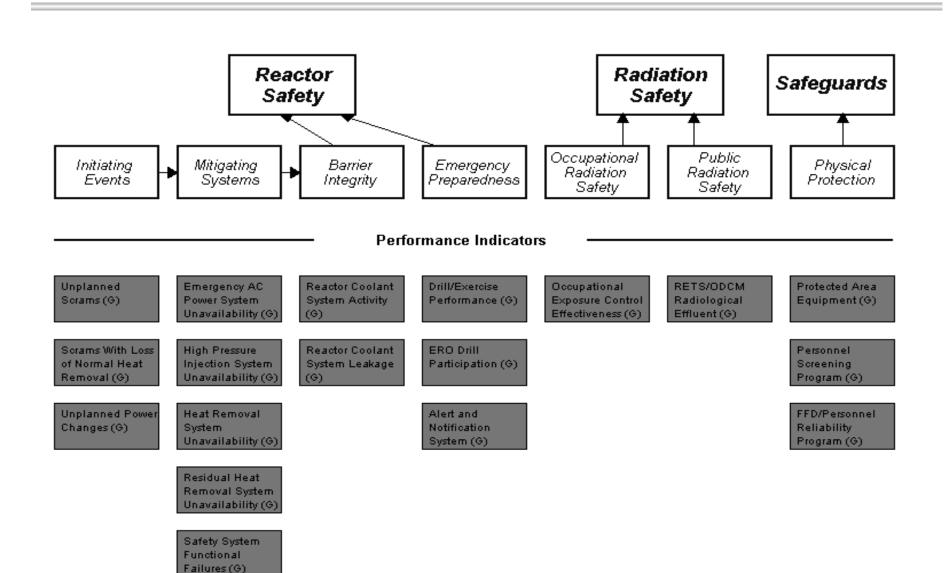
National Summary

• Performance Indicator Results (at end of CY 2003)

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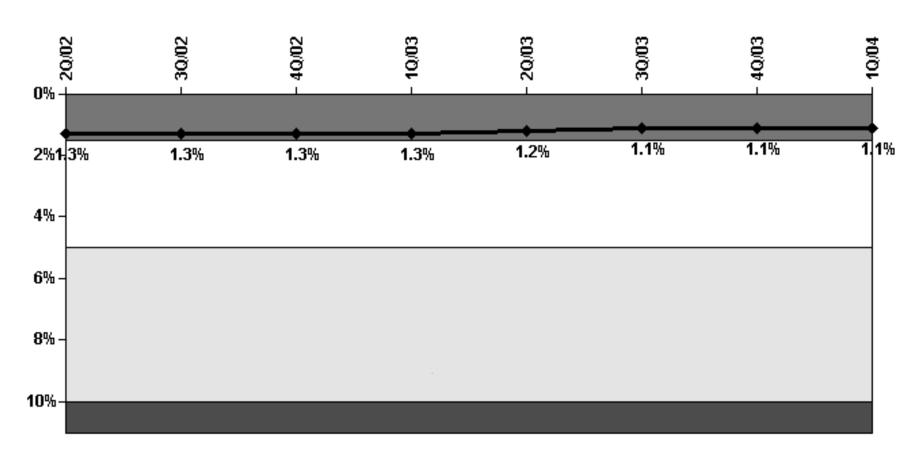
- **▶ White** 15
- ► Yellow 0
- **▶ Red** 0
- Total Inspection Findings (CY 2003)
 - **▶ Green** 748
 - **▶ White** 19
 - ► Yellow 2
 - **▶ Red** 4

TMI Performance Indicators



TMI Performance Indicator

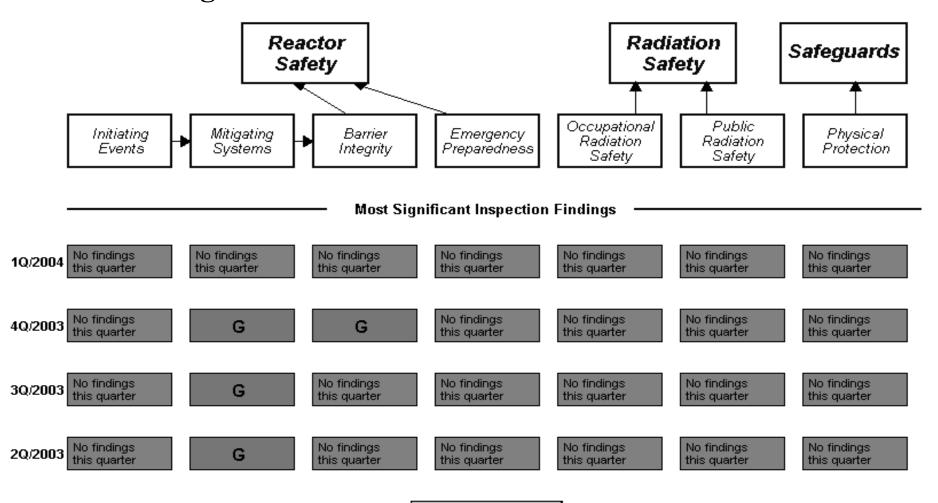
Safety System Unavailability, Residual Heat Removal System



Thresholds: White > 1.5% Yellow > 5.0% Red > 10.0%

TMI - Inspection Findings

www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ then click TMI



Miscellaneous findings

TMI Inspection Activities

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003)

- 5,600 hours of inspection related activities
- 2 resident inspectors assigned to the site
- 14 regional inspections
- 2 team inspections Safety System Design Inspection and the Review of the Reactor Vessel Head Replacement Project
- Inspection Findings
 - ► Eight findings of very low safety significance (Green)

TMI - Examples of Inspection Findings

- Untimely Identification & Correction of Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary Leak
- Degraded Containment Sump and Containment Coatings
- Containment Liner Corrosion and Insufficient Structural Clearances
- Configuration Control Deficiencies Affected Intake Pump House Flood Penetration and Partial Borated Water Storage Tank Drain Down

TMI Plant Assessment

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003)

- Operated safely
- Licensee Response Column of the Action Matrix for all four quarters of 2003
- Substantive Cross-Cutting issue in problem identification and resolution based on performance issues noted in the latter half of 2003

TMI Planned Inspections

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2004)

- 14 regional inspector visits scheduled
- 1 team inspection scheduled
 - Problem Identification & Resolution Conducted in March 2004

AmerGen Response and Remarks

Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station AmerGen Energy Company

NRC Security Program Update

- NRC has issued Orders (February 2002):
 - Increased Patrols
 - Augmented Security Capabilities
 - Added Barriers and Posts
 - Enhanced Personnel Screening for Access
 - Enhanced Security Awareness
- Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response Formed (April 2002)
- Established Threat Advisory and Protective Measure System (August 2002)

NRC Security Program Update (continued)

- Access Authorization Order (January 2003)
- Training Order (April 2003)
- Fatigue Order (April 2003)
- Design Basis Threat (April 2003)
- Changes to Site Security plans to incorporate the requirements of the orders (April 2004)
- Expanded Force-on-Force Exercises(in progress)
- New NRC Baseline Inspection Program initiated (February 2004)

Nuclear Industry Deregulation

- Economic Deregulation throughout Region I
- Competition can spur some improvements
 - Work control, planning, coordination
- NRC must watch for any negative impacts
- NRC Activities:
 - Performance Indicators
 - Corrective Action program Inspections
 - Maintenance Inspections
 - Modification Inspections
 - Safety Conscious Work Environment Assessment

Approaches for Continued Performance Success

An NRC Perspective

- Strong corrective action program
 - Continued low threshold for problem identification
- Effective engineering & technical support
- Penetrating internal self-assessments & employee surveys
- Commitment to high standards -- Maintaining a long-term view on resources

Reference Sources

- Reactor Oversight Process
 - http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html
- Public Electronic Reading Room
 - http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html
- Public Document Room
 - ► 1-800-397-4209 (Toll Free)

Contacting the NRC

- Report an emergency
 - ► (301) 816-5100 (call collect)
- Report a safety concern:
 - ► (800) 695-7403
 - Allegation@nrc.gov
- General information or questions
 - www.nrc.gov
 - Select "What We Do" for Public Affairs